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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1957.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PERSHORE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health in the Rural District of Pershore for the year 1957 and the work carried out by your Health Department.

I wish to thank members of the Council and their Staff for their help and consideration during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E.T. SHENNAN, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIOND OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	57,801		
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (Census, 1951 - 16,355)	Med 1957	-	16,440
	Mid 1956	-	17,050
Number of inhabitated houses	End of 1957	-	5,466
	End of 1956	-	5,254

Rateable value, 1st April, 1957 £161,880
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £ 669

Population and Acreage by Parishes.

Parishes	Acreage	Population 1951 Census.	Estimated 1957.
Abberton	999	72	55
Besford	1383	393	239
Birlingham	1272	318	316
Bishampton	1910	309	313
Bredicot	399	36	37
Bredon	3187	1028	1296
Bredon's Norton	1016	159	184
Bricklehampton	914	186	184
Broughton Hackett	386	146	136
Charlton	1619	464	412
Churchill	670	30	34
Comberton, Great	965	232	229
Comberton, Little	790	225	244
Cropthorne	1518	416	526
Defford	1691	466	433
Dormston	820	66	64
Eckington	2165	683	821
Elmley Castle	2062	310	339
Fladbury	1573	589	577
Flyford Flavel	692	116	118
Grafton Flyford	1680	202	166
Hill and Moor	1368	445	457
Pershore	6137	4094	4822
Kington	1071	111	152
Naunton Beauchamp	1030	99	91
Netherton	737	55	31
North Piddle	797	110	103
Norton-juxta-Kempsey	1844	733	703
Peopleton	1539	249	277
Pinvin	1073	604	469
Pirton	1690	168	145
St. Peter the Great, Worcs.	441	95	70
Spetchley	780	82	136
Stoulton	1959	404	406
Strensham	1970	152	174
Throckmorton	1522	976	138
Upton Snodsbury	1691	314	325
White Laides Aston	1236	240	235
Whittington	1052	360	352
Wick	1682	311	298
Wyre Piddle	381	308	333
TOTALS	57,801	16,355	16,440

Industries of Area.

The main industry of the area is agriculture, Carbon, Canning and Engineering and other small industrial units are also situated in the district.

VITAL STATISTICS.

(1956 figures in brackets)

POPULATION 16,440 - 1957.

LIVE BIRTHS.	M.		F.		TOTAL.	
Legitimate	131	(151)	144	(155)	275	(306)
Illegitimate	8	(4)	9	(6)	17	(10)
	139	(155)	153	(161)	292	(316)

Birth Rate. (Births per 1,000 Population).

	1957	1956	1955	1957 - Eng.Wales.	
Crude	17.7	18.4	15.5	16.1	(15.6)
Comparability Factor	1.05	1.05	-		
Standardised	18.6			16.1	(15.6)

Illegitimacy Rate. (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 total live births):-

1957	1956	1955
58.2	30.6	15.3

STILL BIRTHS.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.	
Legitimate	-	4	4	(9)
Illegitimate	-	-	-	(1)
	-	4	4	(10)

Still-birth Rate. (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births):-

1957	1956	1955	1957 (England & Wales)	
13.5	30.6	15.3	22.4	(22.9)

DEATHS.

M.		F.		TOTAL.	
104	(114)	89	(71)	193	(185)

Death Rate. (Deaths per 1,000 population):-

	1957	1956	1955	1957 England & Wales.	
Crude	11.7	10.8	11.4	11.5	(11.7)
Comparability Factor	1.02	1.01			
Standardised	11.9	10.9	11.4	11.5	(11.7)

Major Causes of Deaths. (by percentages):-

	1957	1956	1955	1947.
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	55.4%	55.1%	56.0%	42.8%
2. Malignant Disease (all forms)	17.5%	13.5%	15.7%	12.8%
3. Respiratory Diseases (Excluding T.B.)	6.2%	11.4%	5.2%	11.9%
4. Accidents	3.6%	2.7%	5.8%	1.6%
5. Tuberculosis (all forms)	0.5%	1.0%	1.0%	7.5%

MATERNAL DEATHS.

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births):-

1957	1956	1955	1957 England and Wales
NIL	NIL	NIL	0.47

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS.

Infant deaths (under 1 year of age).

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	3	2	5 (4)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	3	2	5 (4)

Neonatal deaths (under 4 weeks of age).

Legitimate	2	1	3 (4)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	2	1	3 (4)

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates:-

	1957	1956	1955	1957 (Eng.& Wales)	
Deaths of Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	18.2	13.1	Nil		
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	Nil	Nil		
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 total live births.	10.8	12.7	Nil	16.5	
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 total live births.	17.4	12.7	Nil	23.0	(23.7)

Causes of Infant Deaths:-

Pneumonitis	1
Congenital Malformation	1
Prematurity	3 (neonatal)

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT 1957.

CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.	TOTAL	MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Tuberculosis, other	1		1	0.06
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	2	-	2	0.12
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parastic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5)	0.30
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung,bronchus	3	-	3)	0.18
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2)	0.12
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1)	0.06
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	11	23)	1.39
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	1	2	0.12
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	15	28)	1.70
18. Coronary disease, angina	14	10	24)	1.46
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	2	4)	0.24
20. Other heart disease	28	20	48)	2.91
21. Other circulatory disease	1	2	3)	0.18
22. Influenza	2	-	2	0.12
23. Pneumonia	2	3	5)	0.30
24. Bronchitis	3	4	7)	0.42
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1	0.06
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhea	1	1	2	0.12
28. Nephritis and neophrosis	2	1	3	0.18
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformation	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases	10	7	17	1.0
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3	0.18
34. All other accidents	1	3	4	0.24
35. Suicide	2	1	3	0.18
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	104	89	193	11.77

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

a) Clinic and Treatment Services:

Clinic	Situation	Time of Holding
Bishampton C.W.C.	Village Hall, Bishampton.	4th Tuesday, 2.30.p.m.
Bredon C.W.C.	Village Hall, Bredon.	4th Friday, 2.30.p.m.
Eckington C.W.C.	Village Hall, Eckington.	2nd Friday, 2.30.p.m.
Fladbury C.W.C.	Parish Hall, Fladbury.	1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.30.p.m.
Norton C.W.C.	Stoulton Hostel, Stoulton.	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2.15.p.m.
Pershore C.W.C.	W.I. Hall, Priest Lane, Pershore.	1st & 3rd Wednesday 2.p.m.

b) Health Visitors.

c) Midwifery: Home Nursing.

These agencies provided the Midwifery Services:-

(1) The Executive Council through the family doctor - ante and post-natal care and home confinements.

(2) The County Council - district nurse/midwives; ante and post-natal care, maternity nursing at home confinements.

(3) The Regional Hospital Board - hospitals for delivery and treatment.

The County Council provided nurse/midwives who attended general nursing and midwifery cases in the home. These nurses also acted as Health Visitors in their districts.

Parishes were served by nurses as follows:-

Parish	Nurse stationed at	Parish	Nurse Stationed at
Bricklehampton) Elmley Castle) Netherton) Great Comberton) Little Comberton)	Little Comberton	Defford) Besford) Pirton)	Earls Croome
St. Peter the Great)	Kempsey	Broughton Hackett) Upton Snodsbury) Kington) Dormston) Grafton Flyford)	Cookhill
Norton-juxta-Kempsey) White Ladies Aston) Spetchley) Bredicot) Churchill)	Stoulton	Abberton) Bishampton) Flyford Glavel) Naunton Beauchamp) North Piddle) Peopleton)	Bishampton

Parish	Nurse stationed at	Parish	Nurse stationed at
Drakes Broughton	Stoulton	Pershore	Pershore
Wadborough		Birlingham	
Stoulton		Pinvin	
Whittington		Strensham	
		Wick	
Bredon	Eckington		
Bredons Norton			
Eckington		Charlton	Fladbury
		Cropthorne	
		Fladbury	
		Hill & Moor	
		Throckmorton	
		Wyre Piddle	

d) School Health Services.

Provided by the County Council.

e) Laboratory Facilities.

The County Council provided a laboratory for the chemical and bacteriological analysis of water, milk and other foods.

The Public Health Laboratory Service provided at The Royal Infirmary, Worcester, facilities for the bacteriological examination of specimens in connection with the diagnosis and prevention of spread of infectious disease.

f) Hospital Services.

Infectious Disease	Newtown Hospital, Worcester. Little Bromwich Fever Hospital. Birmingham. Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen.
Tuberculosis	Newtown Hospital, Worcester. Knightwick Sanatorium. St.Wulstan's Hospital, Malvern.
Maternity	Avonside Hospital, Evesham. Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester.
Children's Diseases	Worcester Royal Infirmary.
Venereal Disease	Worcester Royal Infirmary.
General	Pershore Cottage Hospital. Worcester Royal Infirmary. Tewkesbury Hospital. Cheltenham General Hospital.
Aged Sick	Avonside Hospital, Evesham.

g) Diphtheria Immunisation and Smallpox Vaccination Service.

This was provided by the County Council. Locally it was administered by the Pershore Rural District Council.

h) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The County Council commenced to provide Poliomyelitis Vaccination to certain age groups during the year.

i) Ambulance Service.

This was provided by the County Council. One ambulance was stationed in Pershore.

j) Home and Domestic Help Service.

This was conducted through the agency of the W.V.S. for the County Council by Mrs. A.H. Jackson who is to be complimented on a very valuable and efficient service.

Mrs. Jackson reports as follows:-

In January, 1957, there were in the Pershore Rural District:-

2 part time Home Helps (1 mobile)
5 Occasional " "

By December, 1957:-

3 Part time Home Helps (All mobile)
5 " " " " working in their own villages.
2 Occasional " "

Number of patients visited in 1957.

Maternity cases.....13
Tuberculosis cases..... 2
Chronic cases.....15
Others.....13

(Note: Chronics are patients who have been having help for three months or longer.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

A summary of Sanitary Inspections is given in the statistics at the end of the report.

2. Water Supply.

A total of 4,596 houses with a population of 13,821 is supplied from the public mains.

Mains water from the Cheltenham, Worcester & Coventry Corporations augment the local main supply.

There is no evidence of plumbo-solvency in the district.

Analysis		Public Water Supplies.		
Bacteriological Examination	44	Satisfactory	40)	Including Independent Parish Spring Supplies
	-	Unsatisfactory	4)	
Chemical Examination	10	Satisfactory	10)	
		Unsatisfactory	-)	

PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

Analysis - Well Water.

Number of samples submitted for analysis - 37

Bacteriological Examination	Satisfactory	4
	Unsatisfactory	17
Chemical	Satisfactory	8
	Unsatisfactory	8

WATER ANALYSIS.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY	OVERBURY	BREDON	LITTLEWORTH	COVENTRY	TEWKESBURY/ OVERBURY MIXTURE.	WORCESTER CITY
Physical Characters.						
Odour	None	None	None	Chlorine	None	None
Deposit	Slight	Nil	White	Nil	Brown	Slight
pH.	7.9	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.8	7.7
Chemical Examination.						
+ Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C.)	-	-	Trace	Nil	Trace	Nil
+ Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C.)	250	270	500	330	250	260
+ Solids in Solution after Ignition	225	240	385	290	210	225
+ Chlorine expressed as Chloride	21	19	24	74	34	44
+ Hardness Non-carbonate	50	90	65	60	50	55
+ Hardness Carbonate	130	130	370	90	90	90
+ Hardness Total	180	220	435	150	140	145
+ Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Trace	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
+ Albuminoid Nitrogen	Trace	Trace	Trace	0.09	0.07	0.04
+ Nitrate Nitrogen	4.5	4.9	8.2	3.3	6.2	3.3
+ Nitrite Nitorgen	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.01	Nil	Nil
+ Oxygen Absorbed in 4 hrs at 27°C.	0.15	Nil	0.13	1.45	0.92	1.45
+ Toxic Metals	None detected	None detected	None detected	None detected	None detected	None detected
Bacteriological Examination.						
Probable number of coliform bacilli, MacConkey 2 days 37°C per 100 m.l.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Probable number of faecal coli per 100 m.l.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

+ Expressed in parts per million.

WATER SUPPLY.

PARISH	FROM PUBLIC MAINS.		FROM PRIVATE SUPPLIES.		SOURCE OF PUBLIC SUPPLY.
	No. of dwelling houses.	Population	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	
1. Abberton	12	37	6	18	Ex Worcester City.
2. Besford	37	212	9	27	Overbury/Tewkesbury.
3. Birlingham	75	226	30	90	Overbury/Tewkesbury.
4. Bishampton	89	268	15	45	Ex Worcester City.
5. Bredicot	8	25	4	12	Ex Worcester City.
6. Bredon	434	1203	31	93	Bredon Hill/Overbury/Tewkesbury
7. Bredon's Norton.	43	129	18	55	Overbury/Tewkesbury
8. Bricklehampton	48	145	13	39	Coventry
9. Broughton Hackett	35	106	10	30	Worcester City
10. Charlton	109	328	28	84	Worcester City
11. Churchill	8	25	3	9	Worcester City
12. Comberton, Great	62	187	14	42	Coventry
13. Comberton, Little	72	217	9	27	Coventry
14. Cropthorne	146	438	29	88	Worcester City
15. Defford	126	379	18	54	Overbury/Tewkesbury
16. Dormston	17	52	4	12	Worcester City
17. Eckington	234	703	39	118	Overbury/Tewkesbury
18. Elmley Castle	51	144	65	195	Coventry
19. Fladbury	144	433	48	144	Worcester City
20. Flyford Flavel	39	118	0	0	Worcester City
21. Grafton Flyford	44	133	11	33	Worcester City
22. Hill & Moor	137	412	15	45	Worcester City
23. Pershore	1560	4672	50	150	Overbury/Tewkesbury/Worcester
24. Kington	50	130	7	22	Worcester City
25. Naunton Beauchamp	27	82	3	9	Worcester City
26. Netherton	2	6	8	25	Coventry
27. North Piddle	31	94	3	9	Worcester City
28. Norton-juxta-Kempsey	111	334	123	369	Worcester City(Borehole Littleworth)
29. Peopleton	90	270	2	7	Worcester City
30. Pinvin	148	445	8	24	Worcester City
31. Pirton	3	9	45	136	-
32. St. Peter the Great, Worcester	7	22	16	48	Worcester City

PARISH	FROM PUBLIC MAINS		FROM PRIVATE SUPPLIES		SOURCE OF PUBLIC SUPPLY
	No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses.	Population	
33. Spetchley	7	22	38	144	Worcester City
34. Stoulton	117	352	18	54	Worcester City
35. Strensham	0	0	58	174	-
36. Throckmorton	26	129	3	9	Worcester City
37. Upton Snodsbury	89	267	19	58	Worcester City
38. White Ladies Aston	51	153	27	82	Worcester City
39. Whittington	107	322	10	30	Worcester City
40. Wick	92	277	7	21	Coventry
41. Wyre Piddle	108	315	6	18	Worcester City
TOTALS	4,596	13,821	870	2,619	

3. Drainage and Sewerage.

The following are the Sewage Disposal Works situated in the district:-

Bredon	-	Combined system, with primary settlement and effluent disposed by land irrigation.
Drakes Broughton	-	Gravity works with settlement and filtration
Pershore (3)		Nogains & R.R.E. Defford Road, Sewage works pumping, settlement and filtration Station Road - Surface aeration system.
Cropthorne	-	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Eckington	-	Partially separate system, with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Defford	-	Gravity works with settlement and filtration.
Littleworth	-	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Sneachill	-	Gravity works with settlements & filtration.
Broughton Hackett	-	Gravity system with settlement and filtration.
Upton Snodsbury	-	Sewage works with pumping, settlement & Filtration.
Kington	-	Sewage works with pumping, settlement & filtration.
Whittington	-	Gravity works with settlement and filtration.
Wick	-	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.

The general position with regard to proposed schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Cropthorne.

Stage I which provided sewerage and sewage disposal facilities for 29 Council Dwellings to be built was completed.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government has approved the acceptance of a tender to complete the Sewerage of the remainder of the village (population 600).

Little Comberton, Lower Moor and Bishampton.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government has approved the above schemes in principle and the Council may now invite tenders for the work.

Pershore Sewerage & Sewage Disposal.

The Council have shown a desire to proceed with the scheme at the earliest opportunity and at Conferences held during the year with the Consulting Engineers, they have been urged to finalise the scheme with all speed.

4. Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal was carried out throughout the district under the direction of the Public Health Department.

Fortnightly collections are given throughout the country districts and weekly in the town of Pershore.

Contracts for refuse collection have also been undertaken with Norton Barracks and R.R.E. Pershore.

Three refuse vehicles were in use during the year.

Paper continued to be salvaged during the year, the revenue amounting to £796 compared with £581 during 1956. Scrap metal and other materials are also recovered.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

Housing Position at the end of 1957.	1957	1956
Estimated population	16440	(16355)
Units of accommodation	5466	(5254)
Number of persons per unit of accommodation	3.5	
Number of dwellings built by Council	84	(96)
Total number of Council Houses built post-war	798	(714)
Estimated number of caravan dwellings	37	(-)
Estimated number of Council Houses applicants	416	(602)

For further housing statistics see Pages 20 & 21.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year, and every effort was made to ensure the clean and safe handling of food-stuffs.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

There are the following food premises in the district:-

Grocers	-	41
Greengrocery	-	11
Sweet Shops	-	9
Butchers	-	9
Bakers and Confectioners	-	9
Fried Fish Shops	-	2
Wet Fish Shops	-	2
Cafe's	-	11
Licensed Premises including Clubs		63

Food preparation premises in the district are inspected regularly.

Milk Supply.

7 Dairymen (other than cowkeepers) are registered.
14 Inspections were made during the year.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

CONDEMNATIONS.

The following foods have been voluntarily surrendered, inspected and condemned:-

Apricots	-	84 x 3 Kilo tins
"	-	22 x 5 Kilo tins
"	-	65 x 6 kilo tins
"	-	6 x 10 lb. tins.
Baked Beans	-	8 x 8 oz. tins.
" "	-	1 x 16 oz. tin.
Carnation Milk	-	9 x 2 pint tins.
Corned Beef	-	1 x 6 lb. tin.
Cod Fillets	-	2 stone
Cooked meat	-	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
Cherries	-	12 x 10 lb. tins.
Cherries	-	9 x 5 kilo tins.
Fruit Salad	-	1 x 16 oz. tin.
Grapefruit	-	3 x 20 oz. tins.
Kippers	-	2 stone
Macoroni	-	1 x 1 lb. box.
Nestles Milk	-	6 x $1\frac{3}{4}$ pint tins.
" "	-	1 x 2 pint tin.
Oranges	-	7 x 11 oz. tins.
Oranges Juice	-	1 x 19 oz. tin.
Peaches	-	38 x 5 kilo tins.
"	-	2 x 29 oz. tins.
"	-	4 x 6 lb. tins.
Peach Pulp	-	28 x 5 kilo tins.
Pears	-	2 x 16 oz. tins.
Peas	-	2 x 16 oz. tins.
Pineapple	-	8 x 16 oz. tins.
"	-	22 x 30 oz. tins.
"	-	14 x 5 lb. tins.
Plums	-	11 x 20 oz. tins.
Pork Luncheon Meat	-	1 x 12 oz. tins.
" " "	-	1 x 7 oz. tin.
Potatoe Crisps	-	6 x 18 tins.
Salmon	-	2 x $7\frac{3}{4}$ oz. tins.
Semolina	-	1 x 1 lb. box
Tomatoes	-	4 x 14 oz. tins.
Tomatoes	-	5 x 35 oz. tins.
"	-	9 x 300 gramme tins
"	-	1 x 500 gramme tins

MEAT INSPECTION.

The following animals have been slaughtered and inspected. Conditions have been satisfactory.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed(If known)	373	-	29	1222	607	-
Number inspected	373	-	29	1222	607	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	2	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	-	-	18	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	9.9	-	-	1.62	.33	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	15	-	-	-	11	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	4.02	-	-	-	1.8	-
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FECTORIES ACT, 1937.

(1) Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS.	WRITTEN NOTICES	OWNER PROSECUTED
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	5	5	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority	45	25	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworker's premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	50	30	-	-

(2) Cases in which defects were found:-

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED To H.M. Inspector	REFERRED by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (a) insufficient	2	2	-	2	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	1	-
OTHER offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L S	4	4	-	3	-

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES - SECTION 110 & 111

There were no instances of this during the year.

PREVALANCE OF, AND CONTROL, OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Disease, 1957.

DISEASE.	Corrected Notifications	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Measles	30	-	-
Whooping Cough	17	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	17	16	2
Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
TOTAL	71	16	2

ACUTE ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS

A total number of 17 cases of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis were notified and confirmed in the Pershore Rural District. These cases occurred in periods:- July 4th; August 4th; September 6th; October 3rd.

Parishes involved were:- Norton - 1; Barneshall - 1; Whittington - 2; Wadborough - 1; Stoulton - 1; Defford - 2; Pershore - 2; Cropthorne - 2; Upton Snodsbury - 3; Charlton - 3.

The following table gives the age and sex distirbution:-

Age	Paralytic M.	Paralytic F.	Non-Paralytic M.	Non-Paralytic F.	Deaths M.	Deaths F.
Under 1 yr.	-	1	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	6	1	-	1	1	-
10-14 years	-	-	-	1	-	-
15-24 years	1	1	-	-	-	-
25 & over	2	1	-	1	1	-
TOTAL ALL AGES	10	4	-	3	2	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation.

Under 5 years old	171
5 - 14 years old	12
	183
Re-forcing (Booster) injections	80

The "Immunisation State" of children in the Rural District on 31st December, 1957, was as follows:-

Age at 31/12/57, i.e. Born in year.	Under 1 1957.	1-4 1953-1956	5-9 1948-1952	10-14 1943-1947	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) A. 1953 - 1957	15	440	593	83	1,131
B. 1952 or earlier	-	-	656	748	1,404
No. of Births	292	1,167	-	-	

SMALLPOX.

No cases of smallpox were reported

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Revaccinated) during 1957:-

Age at 31st Dec. 1957, i.e. born in year.	Under 1 1957	1 1956	2 -4 1953-1955	5 - 14 1943-1952	15 & over 1942	Total
Number Vaccinated	128	5	5	5	4	147
Number Revaccinated	-	-	-	1	7	8

The figure of 128 was 42.1% of the average number of babies born in the two years 1957-1956 which was 304

TUBERCULOSIS Sex and age of new cases & deaths during 1957.

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
45 -	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	4	1	1	-	-	1	-

Cases in Register at the 31st December, 1957.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
Pulmonary	55	47	102
Non-Pulmonary	3	3	6
TOTAL	58	50	108

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR (OTHER THAN HOUSING)

Number of premises visited	600 (approx)
Defects or nuisance found	13
Defects or nuisance abated	13
Number of Informal Notices served	12
Number of Statutory Notices served.	1
New drainage to sewers	14
New drainage to septic tanks	39
Drains repaired	-
Obstructed drains cleared	30 (approx)
Drains tested	71
Number of insanitary lavatories, sink and urinals dealt with	-
Number of shops visited	-
Cases under the Shops Act. 1934 (informal)	-
Number of Factories inspected	30

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) by Local Authority	84
(b) by other Local Authorities	-
(c) by other bodies or persons	53

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	144
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.	132
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding subheading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	12

Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	12

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	-

Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act.

(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	96
(2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	6

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936. Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

Number of Closing Orders issued in respect of separate dwellings	36

NEW HOUSING.

The Council have built 84 new houses and 53 have been built privately.

Total Post-war Development:-

Local Authority Development	798
Private Development	324
Total Houses owned by Local Authority	1,182

Applicants Re-housed in Permanent Houses:-

Parish		New Houses	Re-lets	Total.
Pershore		24	11	35
Bredon		6	4	13
	Bungalows	3		
Bishampton		-	1	1
Bricklehampton		-	1	1
Charlton		5	-	5
Great Comberton		-	1	1
Cropthorne	Bungalows	4		
	Houses	14	1	19
Defford		-	1	1
Eckington		2	2	4
Elmley Castle		-	1	1
Fladbury		-	2	2
Moor		13	1	14
Naunton Beauchamp		-	1	1
Norton		11	3	14
Pinvin		-	3	3
Stoulton		-	2	2
Upton Snodsbury		-	2	2
Wick	Bungalows	2	-	2
		84	37	121

Exchange of Accommodation.

7 Exchanges involving 14 families		14	14
Transfer of Tenancies		14	14
	84	65	149

Number of cases of Overcrowding Relieved:-	15
Numberof persons concerned in such cases	82

Applications for Housing Accommodation at 31.12.57 - 416

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

28 Applications for Improvement Grants were approved during the year.

R O D E N T C O N T R O L.

Number of infestations dealt with at private premises	-	2037
Number of infestations dealt with on Business premises	-	29
Number of other infestations dealt with	-	9
Number of complaints received	..	107

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